

House Resolution 1308

By: Representative Greene of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Ralph Wilcox, and inviting him to appear before the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph Wilcox grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the son of the late Mr.
4 Ralph Ben Wilcox and Mrs. Mulola Wilcox Sanford; and

5 WHEREAS, he attended the University of Milwaukee where he majored in theater; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a 30-year veteran actor on Broadway in New York and in Hollywood,
7 California; and

8 WHEREAS, he has received numerous acting credits including Broadway plays *The Wiz*
9 (with the original company) and *Ain't Suppose to Die a Natural Death*, and in the film and
10 television *China Moon*, *Silent Victim*, *The Cape*, *In the Heat of the Night*, and *The Ruby*
11 *Bridges Story*; and

12 WHEREAS, he spent six and one-half years in Africa producing documentaries on the lives
13 of missionaries, and upon returning to the United States he worked in Florida, North
14 Carolina, and Georgia, and eventually relocated to southwest Georgia, where his experience
15 has allowed him to use the film and television industry as a vehicle for economic
16 development; and

17 WHEREAS, he was appointed Southwest Georgia Film Commission Director by the
18 Community Development Corporation of Miller County, and he markets over 14 counties
19 to the film and television industry; and

20 WHEREAS, he is the director of the nonprofit HennyPenny Video/Television Production
21 Company, Inc., which trains youth, some of which are considered to be disenfranchised, and

adults in the disciplines of the film and television industry, in such areas as lighting, cameras, sound, hair and make-up, wardrobe, set construction, and editing; and

WHEREAS, the HennyPenny Training Program is a certificate program at Bainbridge College and an add-on program at Andrew College in Cuthbert, Georgia, which has managed to survive on small grants and presently has over 35 students enrolled; and

WHEREAS, he is the chief executive officer and executive producer of Schusters Cash, LLC, a film, video, and television production company; and

WHEREAS, he was the force behind a new sound stage and a new building which houses the Jokara-Micheaux Production Studio, a 22,000 square-foot facility located in Colquitt, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he has successfully staged two film festivals in Southwest Georgia, using Miller and Early counties as the epicenter, and recently raised funds for a low-budget project, *The Lena Baker Story*, the story of the first and only woman in Georgia's history to receive the electric chair, due to be released in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilcox contributes his success to grace, hard work, consistency, and the support of those who have embraced his vision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize Mr. Ralph Wilcox and commend him on his numerous outstanding accomplishments, and invite him to appear before this body at a date and time designated by the Speaker of the House for the purpose of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.